



Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

2005 Berryman Street
Berkeley, California 94709

December 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent,
Year B

Pre-Mass Christmas CONCERT (& Carols) ~ TONIGHT at 9:30 pm!

“Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others.”



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am & 5:15 pm

Saturday: 7:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

and by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch:

Noon - 1:00 pm

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

We are delighted to have
all of you here,
especially our visitors!

All are welcome, and we
hope you will find our
parish a place where you
grow spiritually, put
faith into action, and
encounter
Jesus Christ.

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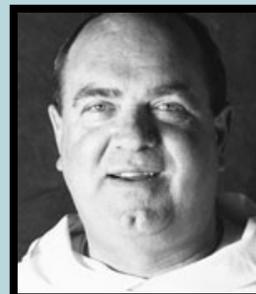
FR. PATRICK LABELLE, O.P., RIP

OUR PASTOR FROM FEBRUARY 1992

THROUGH JUNE 1995,

FR. PATRICK WAS BURIED IN THE
DOMINICAN CEMETERY IN BENICIA

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.



DETAILS & OBITUARY (BY FR. CARL) ON PAGE 6.

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Calendar for the Rest of December

December 24	<u>4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor</u>
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
December 24	Children's Christmas Eve Mass
Sunday	5:00 pm, Church
December 24	"Midnight Mass"
Sunday	9:30 pm Concert; 10:00 pm Mass. Church
December 25	CHRISTMAS
Monday	<i>Two Masses: 9:00 am & 11:00 am</i>

NEXT BOOK GROUP MEETING: Saturday, January 27th, at 10:00 am

For our first meeting of 2018, the Book Group has chosen a book recommended to us by our founder, Fr. Casian: **In Paradise**, by Peter Matthiessen, a three-time winner of the National Book Award. The story is set in the mid-90s at a spiritual retreat in Auschwitz, and the result (according to the *Washington Post*) will "lead us into questions that define our most profound mysteries." We'll meet to discuss it at **10:00 am** on **Saturday, January 27th**, in the parish conference room. *Buy or rent the book, and come join us for a lively discussion!*

4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless:

Our *4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor and Homeless* will take place **TODAY**. It's a busy time, with many people entertaining their visitors, but if you will be around this weekend, *we could really use your help.*

We set up or cook from noon to 1:00 pm, prepare to serve at 2:30 pm, and clean up from 3:30 pm until closing.

We especially need help cleaning up the Parish Hall and Kitchen.

We count on your delicious desserts! They may be brought to the Parish Hall by **1:30 pm**.

Are you a newcomer? The Parish Hall is located directly under the Church. Enter from the parking lot steps.



4th Sunday in Advent ~ December 24, 2017

CURRENT DONATIONS

Sunday, December 17th + EFT	\$14,933.75
Sunday Donations	\$5,826.75
Holy Days	\$20.00
Christmas	\$6,480.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$10.00
Food for the Poor	\$185.00
School of the Madeleine	\$155.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.00
Holiday Outreach	\$295.00
Religious Retirement	\$60.00
Refugee Aid	\$10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$70.00
EFT Donations – 12/11-12/15:	\$1,797.00
Sunday Donations	\$1,592.00
Capital Repair & Improvements	\$15.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	\$22.00
Food for the Poor	\$70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$45.00
Refugee Aid	\$15.00
School of the Madeleine	\$35.00

The [Refugee Aid Committee](#)'s next meeting will take place in the Conference Room on **FRIDAY, January 12th**, from 4:00-5:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the people of the parish
Sunday	8:00	Int. of José & Lee Guerrero
	9:30	Int. of Scarlett Gafford & Family
	11:00	Intentions of Laura Morland
	5:00	For the children of the parish
Monday	10:00	Francis B. Rauch III RIP
	9:00	For the people of the parish
Tuesday	11:00	Intentions of Velma Richmond
	8:00	Int. of Pauline Nolan & Family
Wednesday	5:30	Bernice Smith RIP
	8:00	Dolores Zialcita RIP
Thursday	5:30	Int. of Fr. Michael Dodds, OP
	8:00	Intentions of Lee Ramirez
Friday	5:30	José Milan RIP
	8:00	Intentions of Anthony Joseph and Tizziana Lukban
Saturday	8:00	Intentions of Julian Curtis

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE RECTORY!

Fr. Nick would like to make the Rectory into a welcoming space for parishioners and service committees, but he is lacking the appropriate dinnerware and outdoor furniture. So he and the staff have developed a "[RECTORY WISH LIST](#)." To fulfill these wishes, search for "Mary Magdalen Parish" at these stores: [Crate & Barrel](#) [Bed, Bath, & Beyond](#) [Amazon.com](#)



Are you handy? You may donate your services, such as **removing wallpaper, painting the living and dining room, and rebuilding the Pergola.**

Coming Up: The 5th Sunday of December ~ Time to Donate to our Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference ~

"What do we do? We use your donations to help the needy of Berkeley and Albany. This month we are working with chaplain Rob Cochran, who looks after the backstretch workers at Golden Gate Fields. We arranged a donation of 15 frozen turkeys to Chaplain Rob, and to five others on our regular donation list. We continue to partner with St. Mary Magdalen office staff to give food vouchers to those who request assistance (about 15 different people in our area). Finally, we recently assisted a woman in a domestic violence situation with a few days of temporary housing until she could secure a shelter bed."

Please give generously next Sunday!

Pre-Mass Concert Tonight!



Come to church at **9:30 pm tonight** for carols and a partial reprise of yesterday's concert.

(The "Midnight Mass" will begin at 10:00 pm.)

Notes from Fr. Nick

Merry Christmas!

Once again we celebrate the incarnation of Jesus the Christ. Christmas is so much a part of our lives that we may take for granted this astounding break with natural history. Our God, creator and sustainer of the universe, chose to enter our time and space in order that we not be bound by it. Christ became one of us so that we might know God in the most intimate way possible: through a human relationship.

Christmas is our thanksgiving to God for the most generous gift we could possibly receive—the gift of his Son. Regardless of whether this year has been a time of fortune or loss, we all share in the priceless gift of salvation through Christ. We are lifted out of the human condition to become God's sons and daughters. This gift puts the rest of our lives in perspective. It enables us to face the challenges of the coming year in the knowledge that every minute of it is a gift, even when we face adversity.

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will bless you with abundant grace, and that God's presence will pervade all your endeavors. I pray that St. Mary Magdalen Parish will continue to be a beacon of light for our neighborhood and the surrounding community. And, as the people of God, our mission to North Berkeley and the surrounding communities will enrich us all with the knowledge that we are doing God's work.

Grace, joy and peace to you as we look forward to a new paschal season. On behalf of the priests and staff of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, may I wish you a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
BISHOP OF OAKLAND



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December 1, 2017

As we prepare to enter into this blessed season of Advent, it is my hope that we will help those around us to meditate on how important it is for us to support Life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Pope Francis so clearly stated on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception last year, "thanks to Mary's 'yes', Jesus began his journey on the path of humanity; he started it in Mary, spending the first months of life in the womb of his mother."

It is in this spirit, that I encourage you to support the 14th Annual Walk for Life that will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco at 12:30 pm. Earlier that morning, I will be concelebrating the special Walk for Life Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. I invite you to join me, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and other priests, bishops and lay faithful for this very special Mass.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Michael Barber S.J.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Parish News

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection:
NO PICKUP UNTIL JANUARY!

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE
VESTIBULES ON **JANUARY 6TH & 7TH.**

Save the Date!

Saturday, January 13th,

9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

Church of Santa Maria, Orinda



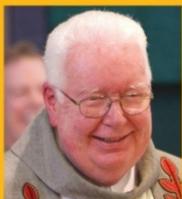
If you are a parish
“leader” — an active
participant in Liturgi-
cal Ministries, Parish
Councils, Sunday
Dinners, Holiday
Outreach, Faith For-
mation (to name a
few) — or if you
would like to become

more involved, you are cordially invited to
attend Fr. Nick’s first

PARISH LEADERSHIP RETREAT.

***The Transition is Complete –
How Do We Envision Our Parish
As We Go Forward?***

NEW YEAR’S EVE RETREAT



**Ring Out the Old
Ring In the New
THE DIVINE DANCE**

with Fr. David Pettingill

 **Dominican Sisters**
OF MISSION SAN JOSE
CENTER FOR EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY

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Social Justice Notes

How Can We Support Local Refugees?

There are more than 65 million displaced people worldwide, the worst refugee crisis in history. Pope Francis has stressed the importance of welcoming immigrants through a global campaign called “Share the Journey” by *Caritas Internationalis* (caritas.org), a federation of Catholic charitable agencies. One way to support immigrants is to work with our legislators to promote policies consistent with “share the journey” and “welcome the stranger” values of faith.

Save Temporary Protected Status for Refugees :

Call House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (415) 556-4862 or (202) 225-4965 and tell her that we need her to champion legislation that extends **TPS** for countries with **TPS** provisions. In January, the President will decide the fate of 250,000 people from El Salvador. Will the President “welcome the stranger” or will he send them away by ending **TPS** status, as he did in 2017 to refugees from Haiti, Sudan and Nicaragua? And will we take time to speak up and speak out, or will we be silent?

TPS is a life-saving immigration status that allows foreign nationals to remain in this country, if during their time in the U.S. something catastrophic happened in their country of origin and now prevents their safe return. **TPS** allows people to work legally and be protected from deportation. Call Rep. Pelosi today, and visit the **California Catholic Conference** (CCC) website (caconference.org) to learn more about **TPS**. Both CCC and the national **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** (usccb.org) are working to preserve **TPS**.

Make a gift to Casa Francisca: Give to help the more than 10 refugees currently residing at Casa Francisca in Oakland. Please consider a gift card for Target, Safeway, Trader Joe’s, or Kohl’s. New small or medium sweaters for men or boys would also be appreciated. Please earmark your donations for *Casa Francisca* and drop them off at the Parish Office.

Attend the next Interfaith Vigil: January 6th, 11:00-12:00 pm at West County Detention Center (5555 Giant Highway, Richmond). ***Stand in solidarity!***

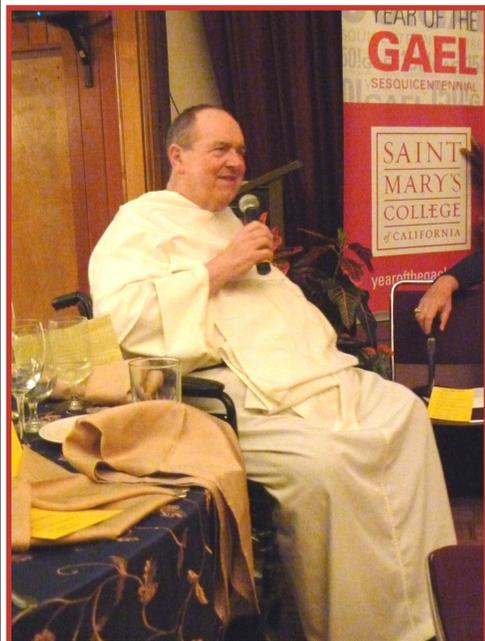
*Obituary for one of our former pastors from the 1990s, Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.,
by our most recent former pastor, Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.*

Patrick Leo LaBelle, O.P., A.F.S.C., D.Min., D.D. died on December 11, 2017 at CareMeridian in Fairfax, California surrounded by loved ones. He was buried in St. Dominic's Cemetery on Friday, December 15th. Leo was born to Emmett & Alice (Boyle) LaBelle on July 1, 1939, in Vallejo. A proud Roman Catholic his whole life, he graduated from St. Vincent Ferrer Grammar and High Schools before studying at St. Mary's College in Moraga. He entered the Order of Preachers in 1959 and received the religious name Br. Patrick. He made religious profession on September 8, 1960, and was ordained a priest on April 23, 1965 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Oakland. He was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity by St. Mary's College in 1975 and earned a Doctor of Ministry in 1994. Because of his love for the Christian Brothers (F.S.C.) and his years of hard work among them, on November 17, 2012, [the Brothers awarded him their highest honor, Affiliation, AFSC.](#)



Fr. LaBelle happily served all of the People of God in his 52 years of priesthood, but he had a special love for college students and young adults, whom he loved like a father. His assignments included St. Thomas More University Parish (Associate Pastor and Pastor), Eugene; Blessed Sacrament Priory (Prior) and the Newman Center at the University of Washington (Director), Seattle; Vicar to the Provincial, President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (2 terms), Regent of Studies of the Western Dominican Province, St. Mary's College Dean of Students, **St. Mary Magdalen Parish (Pastor—February 1992 through June 1995)**; the Catholic Community at Stanford (St. Dominic Parish, first Dominican Pastor); and Vallombrosa Retreat Center (Director), Menlo Park.

In no matter what context you met Fr. Patrick, you never forgot him. His belief in the goodness of people, his enthusiasm for his work and his plans for the next big thing were always larger than life and infectious. But when you spoke to him one-on-one, you were the complete focus of his formidable attention. He guided many, old, young and everywhere in between, through various problems, crises and issues with piercing insight, a heart as big as his personality, good humor, and an uncanny ability to get the listener to believe — as he absolutely did — that they would overcome whatever struggle they had, no matter how insurmountable it may have seemed. And he was usually right.



Fr. Patrick at the Affiliation Ceremony in 2012.

Fr. Patrick was a true son of St. Dominic, a preacher of the Good News. The mission of Jesus was the mission of the Church, and all of the members of the Church, without exception, had work to do. God loved them, and everyone, yes, but you have work to do, a mission. He never shied away from controversial topics in his preaching (or conversation) when they needed to be addressed. His hearers did not always agree with him, nor was that what he looked for. Rather, he wanted his preaching to help his listeners to think and act as he strove with integrity, "to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with" God (Micah 6:8) and "to love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) If he helped you to do that, whatever that looked like in your life, he was happy.

Fr. Patrick once said that people were his hobby. Boy, did he love his hobby! He loved being in touch with his family, his Dominican brothers and sisters, his friends and acquaintances, current and former students, current and former parishioners and colleagues, university presidents or the person serving his meal; they were all equally important to him. He had a gift for accompanying people on their journey through life and serving as a mentor. It did not matter whether it was for a long time or a single meeting, he was always genuinely interested in the person in front of him and their flourishing.

Fr. Patrick is survived by his brother, Robert, and his sister, Claire, their spouses, children and grandchildren. Donations in his memory can be sent to the Western Dominican Province, 5877 Birch Ct., Oakland, CA 94618-1627 or at opwest.org/frpatrickmemorial

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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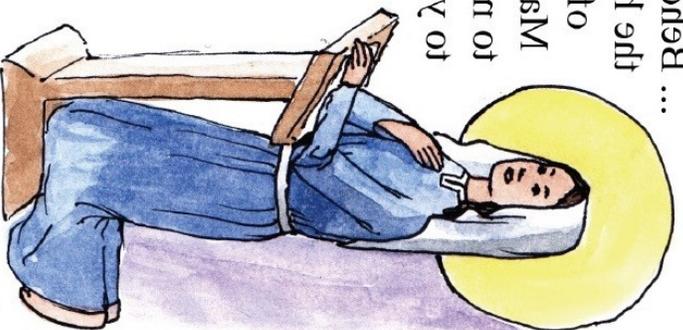
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What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?

What did she reply to him?

Look in the mirror to find out!

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True or False?

Today's Gospel Reading: The Angel Visits Mary

How well do you know the story of the Annunciation?

See if you know which are true and which are false:

1. God sent the angel Michael to bring His message to Our Lady. True or false?
2. When Mary saw the angel, she covered her eyes. True or false?
3. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." True or false?
4. The angel told Our Lady that she would have a Son that she would name 'Jesus.' True or false?
5. Mary just said okay and the angel left right away. True or false?
6. When Mary said she didn't understand, Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. True or false?
7. Before he left, the angel told Mary that her old cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too. True or false?

